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TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN, LEO) GY
SUBJECT: CODEL RYAN
REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 3597 (B) GEORGETOWN 3600

1. CONGRESSMAN RYAN ACCOMPANIED BY HIS LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT MS. JACKIE SPEIERS, JAMES SCOLLAERT AND TOM SMEETAN STAFFERS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HIRC) PLAN TO ARRIVE IN GEORGETOWN ON NOVEMBER 14 AT 11:30 PM VIA PAA 227. CODEL PLANS TO DEPART NOVEMBER 19 AT 1:00 PM VIA PAA 228. PLEASE ARRANGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, MEET AND ASSIST UPON ARRIVAL AND DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICER. FUNDING DATA WILL BE SUBMITTED VIA SEPTEL.

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2. IN REGARD TO POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL B DESK OFFICER HAS BEEN IN DAILY CONTACT WITH MS. SPEIERS AND HAS MET WITH SCOLLAERT AND SMEETAN TO DISCUSS VISIT. PROBLEMS IN PARA'S 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL B HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZED PARTICULARLY TO MS. SPEIERS. DESK OFFICER DRAWING UPON HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH AREA AND PROBLEM HAS GRAPHICALLY PORTRAYED SITUATIONS THAT COULD ARISE. DESK OFFICER ALSO HAS POINTED OUT LIMITS OF EMBASSY AUTHORITY OVER PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

3. DESK OFFICER BRIEFLY DISCUSSED CODEL DURING LUNCHEON WITH GUYANESE CHARGE' ON NOVEMBER 2. HE MENTIONED TO CHARGE' (WHO WAS AWARE OF VISIT) THAT RYAN AS A MEMBER OF HIRC HAS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY ON USG CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. DESK OFFICER RECOMMENDED TO CHARGE' THAT IT WAS IN BEST INTEREST OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE VISIT WHERE POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY REQUEST (REFTEL A) FOR LEGAL ADVISER TO ACCOMPANY CODEL IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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MS. SPEIERS INDICATED TO DESK OFFICER THAT SHE WILL BE CONTACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER IN CA TO RECEIVE BRIEFING ON EMBASSY RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT, AND INTERNATIONAL COMITY WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS ABROAD. VANCE
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